leased lands occupied by them for operating petrol pumps upon their closure; and

(b) the grounds and the circumstances under which Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. closed down the petrol pump in front of Anna Arivalayam (Headquarters of DMK party) Anna Salai, Chennai, vacated and handed over the site and the terms and conditions stipulated for such closure/vacation respectively and whether the same have been complied with?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The grounds on which the oil companies vacate the retail outlet leased site are generally as follows:—

(i) Based on Court orders.

(ii) On expiry of lease of land and legal opinion that no legal recourse is available for holding on to the site.

(iii) As per the guidelines, surrender of land to the landlord may be considered if an alternate site is offered by the landlord, and the original land has to be vacated on expiry of lease.

(iv) if the retail outlet operation becomes unviable at the site due to:

(a) Closure of roads/particular traffic.

(b) Shifting of octroi post/revision in octroi rates.

(c) Realignment of the existing road by a new one.

(d) Reasons beyond the control of the oil companies/dealer which may affect the viability of the retail outlet due to exhorbitant increase in rentals etc.

(e) It the Retail Outlet is declared as objectionable at the site by a competent authority like Collector/Dist. Magistrate/Chief Controller of Explosives etc.

(b) The HPCL Retail Outlet, M/s Balaji Agencies was operative at site opposite Anna Arivalayam at Anna Salai, Chennai. The site was taken on lease by erstwhile CALTEX for period of 10 years w.e.f. 22-10-62. During the currency of the lease the site was purchased by the DMK Charitable Trust. On refusal of Trust to register the deed for option period of 22.10.72 to 21.10.82, CALTEX filed a specific performance suit against the Trust. After nationalisation of the Caltex, statutory option under Caltex Take Over Act was exercised for a period of 10 years upto 21.10.92. Thereafter, on expiry of lease, the HPCL vacated the site and resited it to Anna Nagar, Chennai. The Retail Outlet was commissioned in April, 1992.

Appointment of a Judicial Commission on Safety

*59. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to appoint a Judicial Commission to go into all aspects of safety and make suitable recommendations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Concession for North-East

*60. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Railways have announced more concessions for North-east;

(b) if so, the details of concessions; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to provide railway lines to link all the North-east State Capitals?